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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM LAGOS DATED JANUARY 10, 1978 SENT
SECSTATE WASHDC, USUN NEW YORK INFO BONN, DAR ES SALAAM,
GABORONE, LONDON, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, OTTAWA, PARIS,
PRETORIA IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 0370

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NIGERIA PRESSURES SWAPO TO ATTEND PROPOSED
PROXIMITY TALKS

REF: LAGOS 0014

1. CANADIAN HED OF CHANCERY BORIS CHERKASKY INFORMED
POLCOUNS THAT, IN FOLLOWING UP OF HIGH COMMISSIONER
LEGAULT' JANUARY 2 BRIEFING OF MEA AFRICA DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR AKADIRI (REFTEL), CANADIANS TODAY TOLD AKADIRI
THAT SWAPO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ATTEND PROXIMITY TALKS
BUT SUGGESTED DIFFERENT DATE AND VENUE.

2. AKADIRI SAID NIGERIANS NOT ONLY WERE AWARE
OF SWAPO'S ANSWER BUT HAD ALREADY PUT PRESSURE ON
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SWAPO TO ATTEND MEETING IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 17.
SWAPO REPLIED "JUST RECENTLY" THAT A MEETING IN NEW YORK
WAS ACCEPTABLE BUT JANUARY 17 IS DEFINITELY OUT BECAUSE
SAM NUJOMA IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY IN EAST GERMANY
AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK UNTIL LATE JANUARY
THEY AER PROPOSING JANUARY 31 FOR THE MEETINGS.

3. AKADIRI ALSO SAID NIGERIA IS ADJUSTING THE TIMING
OF ITS PLANNED INITIATIVES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL
ACCORDINGLY.
EASUM UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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